PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

There has been great success by students in recent days on a number of fronts. Four of our boys represented the Riverina at CHS Cricket, narrowly losing the final in the last over. Congratulations to Will McIntosh who was selected in the CHS 1st eleven and Thomas Ellwood who was selected in the 2nd eleven. Also Bridget Johnston has been selected for the NSW All Schools Waterpolo team which is a great achievement. Ben Hooppell has made the under 21 Victorian State Hockey Team as goal keeper at the age of 17. Another excellent achievement.

The recent swimming carnival was a great success and thankyou to Mr King, all staff and students for their efforts.

One issue that needs attention is the use of mobile phones. We have a simple policy of not on in class. Most students respect this and we have few issues. However there has been a recent spate of students using phones to film in the playground. This is not acceptable. Students found doing this will have their phones confiscated and if the context warrants, given to the police.

Recent works completed at the school to improve facilities included a further upgrade to the canteen with a large industrial fridge freezer and new sinks and bench space, a chairlift for greater access to the stage being installed and cyclic maintenance starting. Several rooms will get new carpet and A Block corridors fresh paint for the ceilings. There are several new projects in the planning stage including a new sound system for the hall and a storage shed. Many thanks to the P&C for their support of the canteen, sound system and storage shed.

I would like to finish by highlighting the work being done within our community to strengthen our relationships with our feeder schools (Albury Public, Albury West Public and Howlong Public). We are currently seeking support to form a learning community and are looking at ways we can collaborate on the new Australian curriculum which will be implemented next year in Science, Maths, English and History. As such we are proposing to move the second Staff Development Day for term 2 this year (newly announced) from the 30th April (Day 2 Term 2) to the 28th June (last day Term 2). This will allow all schools to meet together and plan for curriculum change.

Congratulations to:

- Sian Murphy for being awarded runner up in the Jan Levett Scholarship for Drama for 2013

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

ALBURY GOLD CUP

A public holiday has been declared from 12 noon on Friday 22nd March 2013 for businesses within the Albury Shire Council area. As such Albury High School will be observing the half day gazetted holiday for Albury Gold Cup, which means that there will be no staff supervision from 12 noon.

Buses on this day will run to their normal schedule, therefore alternate arrangements may need to be made.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Statements for student fees are being posted to families this week. School contributions are maintained at low levels. They consist of a voluntary school general contribution and subject contributions. The subject contributions cover equipment, materials and textbooks for use by students for their elective subjects. We would appreciate prompt payment of these fees to assist the faculties to cover costs. We thank those families who have already paid school contributions.

Upcoming excursions may be listed on these statements however they may not be due for payment now and are included for your information only.

Mrs Francis Tilbrook
School Administration Manager

MENTAL HEALTH FORUM

Albury High School has been working with Albury Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) to prepare an information evening for parents regarding adolescent mental health. This will be held on Tuesday 26th February at 7.30pm in the Performing Arts Centre.
YEAR 7 CAMP
Our annual Year 7 camp will be held on March 13th - 15th (week 6). A permission note was sent home on Tuesday with all the relevant information in regards to payment options and the fact that we need a $50 NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT to be paid by 25th February. Hopefully permission notes have also made it home as we require all paperwork to be filled out before we go. Please contact me if you didn’t receive one.

Just a reminder I can be contacted via the school phone number, but the easiest way to get in contact with me is through e-mail. My address is tracey.lee5@det.nsw.edu.au and even if you would like to drop me a line just so that I have your contact details, I will start to build up a Y7 contact list for ease of communication. Please feel free to ask me on the progress of your child, homework issues or to clarify how we do things here at AHS.

Mrs Tracey Lee
Yr 7 Year Advisor

VACCINATION REMINDER
Just a reminder that all vaccination forms need to be returned to the box outside Mrs Quinn’s office by Wednesday 27th February 2013.

Vaccinations will take place on at Albury High School on 7th March for students in Year 7 and boys in Year 9.

Mrs Deb Quinn
Head Teacher Welfare

DESIGNTECH SUCCESS!!
Andrew Lucas from Yr12 2012 was successful in having his Design & Technology Major Design Project selected for the state-wide DesignTech 2013 exhibition. His project was an adjustable fork for a bicycle. The exhibition was launched at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney last Friday. The exhibition is made up of the best 22 projects from over 3000 students in Design & Technology in NSW last year. The chairperson of the launch pointed out that NSW is one of only three education systems in the world that offer a subject of this kind having students producing projects of this quality. Andrew attended the launch where each student was individually acknowledged for their outstanding achievements. Andrew moved to Melbourne this week to begin studies in Industrial Design at RMIT.

ENGINEERING ROADSHOW
Last Thursday, the University of Wollongong brought their Engineering Roadshow to Albury High School. The aim of the roadshow is to bring awareness to school students of the merits of following engineering as a career path. In addition to this, part of the federal government’s funding of the initiative is to encourage rural and indigenous students into tertiary education. Our students participated in activities in beam testing, water flow experiments, cleaner coal experiments, pedal-powered milkshake making and race car driver simulation. The centrepiece of the roadshow display was the Formula SAE car built by a team of uni students for last year’s national competition. Seventy students from Years 9 to 12 were involved in the day’s activities. Overwhelming opinion was that it was a very worthwhile day for the students.

Mr Gavin Fletcher
Relieving Head Teacher (Industrial Arts)
Congratulations to Chloe Hayden who competed in Wallaby Hill on the weekend. She came 5th out of forty competitors. It’s a huge effort and achievement by Chloe, her family and her horse, to travel, compete and achieve such a fantastic result whilst representing Albury High School.

Miss Tara McRae
PDHPE

NSW CHS BOYS CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS
Last week, the Albury High boys, Chris ‘Bails’ Bridle, Matt Crawshaw, Tom Ellwood and Will McIntosh made their way up to Sydney on a bleary Sunday night to represent Riverina in the CHS Cricket Championships.

Riverina encountered a tough draw, facing three Sydney sides in the opening fixtures. The campaign got off to a promising start, bowling Sydney West out for 68 and chasing their total for the loss of only 2 wickets. Chris “The Rough” Bridle ‘got up top’ on his way to 4 wickets and 20 not out and Will McIntosh contributed, making 54 with the stick. The next two games were also comfortable victories for the boys against Sydney North and East. Matt Crawshaw top scoring with 45 on the second day and Tom Ellwood dominating with 68 not out on the third.

We made the final for the first time in 16 years and our opponents, South Coast, were also undefeated. We struggled to 170 with the bat, Matt Crawshaw top scoring with a well-made 40. Although it wasn’t quite enough, with South Coast making the runs in the very last over. Despite this, it was still a great result to finish runner up. Most outstanding player for Riverina was given to Chris Bridle, with Matt Crawshaw finishing a close second. Two players were selected from this carnival to represent CHS in the NSW All Schools team, with Will McIntosh making the first eleven and Tom Ellwood making the second eleven. Giddy up!

Tom Ellwood, Chris Bridle, Matt Crawshaw & Will McIntosh at Howell Oval, Penrith.
**DREAMFIELDS FESTIVAL 2013**

**18 AND UNDER DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**RIVERINA TAFE ENVIRONMENT CENTRE, THURGOONA**

**2PM-11PM, SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 2013**

Dreamfields Festival 2013, Albury region’s 18U Drug and Alcohol Free Youth Music Festival, will take place from 2pm-11pm Saturday 13 April 2013 at TAFE NSW Riverina Institute, Ettamogah Road, Thurgoona.

The 2013 format of the festival will feature 9 hours of music featuring National Acts, DJ Helena, Peking Duk, Popcorn Thieves, as well as local electronica and acoustic acts, DJ Candy B, plus Show Tech FMX Australia Motocross Stunt Show, Show-Rides, Youth Expo, and Adult Zone for parents and guardians, and more…

Tickets $22pp including booking fee on sale from Timmy G’s Albury 02 60411933 [There are also $54 Family Tix inc booking fee (2 Adults, 3 Youth)]